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How do I start this letter?

Dear Sir or Ma'am? To whom it may concern?

Neither. First, the the job that Congress has done to represent and protect the electorate is reprehensible. From Health Care to Financial Reform. Health Care reform required true competition. We did not get that. We got more pandering to the true “death panels” of the US – the Insurance Companies. Shall I call you Sir or Ma'am ? Very few of you deserve the courtesy of that accolade. Second, most of you really don't care about Us. There are some exceptions, but most of you have bartered our lives for your campaign coffers. Corporate greed has crippled this country. The recent Citizens United decision simply provided the mortar for that edifice, and guaranteed that the corporate hegemony will continue. This is NOT what our founding fathers contemplated. If corporations are given First Amendment liberties, then they should also be subject to the same unlimited liabilities that I am. BP is a case in point. Why are you Republicans protecting them from liability, yet at the same time clamoring for more offshore drilling ?

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How does this all bear upon those of us who have, through no fault of our own, lost jobs, homes, families, health care, savings, and retirement accounts? If there is no campaign finance reform, we might as well start calling this the United States Halliburton/Exxon/BP.

The rich are getting richer, and the others, well they can go to Hell apparently

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IT starts here.... AMERICAN WORKERS WHO HAVE PAID INTO THE SYSTEM NEED A TIER V

I am Anthony Roberts. I am 48 years old. I have a wife and a 13 year old son. I have no aversion to work. When I was 15, I washed dishes at a Quality Inn in Nashville, TN. I also doubled as a busboy at a different restaurant at the same time. I saved money for my first car, a 1969 Volkswagen. I have payed into UI since I was 15. I am not a freeloader. To actually have to state that in writing is embarrassing. I am a professional, I have multiple degrees. BA. MS, and JD. And I am unemployed.

In 1998 I was contract manager for xxxxxxxx Technologies. I was able to leverage my technical expertise as well as my legal background. Life was good. By 2000, there was a noticable shift in the company. I was sent to Mumbai, India. I didn't realize it at the time, but I was training my replacement. Over the next 12 months, I worked with and befriended xxxxxxxx Patel. After a meeting with the CFO and the country manager, Mr. Patel was hired. 1 month later I was given a pink slip, a plane ticket back to LA, and a rather lame excuse. Bottom line - Indian nationals are cheaper and reap more bottom line profit for US shareholders. I was extinct. OUTSOURCING HAS KILLED MY JOB AND LIFE.

This transfer of wealth from American workers to the corporate elite has got so stop. In light of that fact, I have recently joined Bill Halter to call voters in his state – the county in which he received the largest turnout was reduced from 42 polling during the primary – to 2 during the runoff. How ironic. Can anyone recall Bush in Florida ? I am feeling that the elected representatives are not standing up for me. They are standing up for corporate America.

I am now 6 weeks away from losing my home. I had been on unemployment and now find that there will be no more assistance to us. I find that incredible. Thats not supposed to happen in the Greatest Country in the World. (See Sean Hannity) Yet we spent 215 million in Sudan in 2007. We spend billions on a war in Iraq that was demonstrably launched on false grounds. We can't take care of our own? Let's see the Scandanavian countries spend some of their resources on Global Politics. Maybe if we spent less of our capital on war mongering, we might have a quality of life index close to Scandinavians. Hell, even the torch bearer of the Republican party, declared that he would move to Costa Rica in the event of the Health Care Reform bill passing (Yes, the health care in Costa Rica is govt. run and ranked better than the US)

If you can imagine taking your wife and your 12 year old son to a homeless shelter, please take just a second out of your busy martini lunch and prime rib dinner schedule to imagine what my day is like. John Thane, the CEO of Merrill Lynch, had a \$1,200 wastebasket. A 1200 DOLLAR WASTE BASKET !! (http://www.nydailynews.com/money/2009/01/24/2009-01-24_canned_merrill_lynch_ceo_john_thains_spe.html) Wonder what John Thane, Blankfein, Pandit, and the ultimate nail to the middle class coffin, Jamie Dimon. I wish that these criminals would be subjected to 1 month of life of one of the people that they ripped off. Developed “synthetic derivitaves”. Wow. That kind of brain power could have developed a cure for cancer. Instead they developed a machina to extract the wealth from hard working Americans, and they get Treasury Dept. funded BONUSSES. WHATS WRONG WITH THIS COUNTRY.

1200\$ for a trash can ??? Thats enough for me to at least feed my family and keep the roof over our

heads for a month. Why is there no clawback on the Trillions of dollars that were given out to bail these criminals out who still received millions in bonuses for ripping off the American people ? Why does Geithner oppose a complete audit of the Fed ? **AUDIT THE FED --- WE ARE TAXPAYERS WE DESERVE THE TRUTH.** He was in charge of the NY Fed when Goldman Sachs perpetrated the greatest transfer of wealth in the history of the World. Why are these banks given 0 or low interest loans to continue pumping money into the Wall Street Casino ? The very same Casino that wrecked the global economy ? Why are people like me starving when scum bags like Dimon, Blankfein, et al, are sucking champagne and moving funds offshore without paying tax ? No wonder he opposes that. I voted for Obama. I am reconsidering in light of his support of Geithner and his acquiescence to WS in the so called WS reform. Kauffman-Brown was the lynch pin - no wonder it was voted down. And to Chris Dodd - a big **THUMBS DOWN**. No wonder his user name on Twitter is senate_banker. Thank God he is retiring. He has done enough damage.

Is this the lesson that we want to teach our young ? Grab all you can, screw everyone else? Have we not seen the results of such policies recently? Is Fabrice Tourre a new American Idol ?

If you can appropriate Trillions for Wall Street in spite of the fact that there were no guarantees, no accountability, and in spite of all this the so called reform of the financial industry does not address the real issues, ie, leverage, transparency on derivatives, capital requirements, separation between commercial banks and investment banking, and stop the incestuous relationship between the regulatory agencies and the institutions that they are supposed to police ??? Then why is it so difficult to take care of the long term unemployed? The people that, for the most part, have been victimized by your laissez faire regulatory scheme (I know, Bush-Cheney)

In spite of the billions of dollars spent on 2 wars that we should not be involved in. In spite of the billions that the DOJ and the US Govt. overpaid Halliburton and KBR. (see **DOJ has announced a lawsuit against KBR for charging "improper costs" in Iraq from 2003 to 2006.** On April 1, the Justice Department [announced](#) it had filed a lawsuit against KBR, alleging violations of the False Claims Act committed from 2003 to 2006 -- while KBR was owned by Halliburton. The suit "alleges that KBR knowingly included impermissible costs for private armed security in billings to the Army under the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) III contract.") I could list more but I won't.

Continued support of an Afghan "war" that has lasted now longer than Vietnam ? And why are we there? If its to get Al Qaeda, does that mean that we need to attack Yemen also ? Al Qaeda is in Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia. Yemen, Qatar, you name it. Do we have to spend billions on all of those countries ? What about just spending money here in the US ??? **JOBS ???** The amount of funds spent on these atrocities. Most of which recovered by Halliburton or KBR, just get the hell out of there, take care of the US CITIZENS, and get OUT.

Give the unemployed workers of America a Tier V. .We have paid for it and we deserve it more than Afghani Drug Lords

Introduce a bill for Campaign Finance Reform

TAKE CARE OF THE PEOPLE WHO VOTED FOR YOU

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM – this is crucial